

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0001] as follows.

[0001] This patent document is related to and hereby incorporates by reference in their entirety the following co-filed U.S. patent applications: Ser. No. ~~UNKNOWN~~ 10/666,319, entitled "Alignment Post for Optical Subassemblies Made With Cylindrical Rods, Tubes, Spheres, or Similar Features", ~~Attorney Docket No. 10030442-1~~; Ser. No. ~~UNKNOWN~~ 10/666,363, entitled "Wafer Level Packaging of Optoelectronic Devices", ~~Attorney Docket No. 10030489-1~~; Ser. No. ~~UNKNOWN~~ 10/666,442, entitled "Integrated Optics and Electronics", ~~Attorney Docket No. 10030566-1~~; Ser. No. ~~UNKNOWN~~ 10/666,444, entitled "Methods to Make Diffractive Optical Elements", ~~Attorney Docket No. 10030769-1~~; Ser. No. ~~UNKNOWN~~ 10/666,091, entitled "Optoelectronic Device Packaging With Hermetically Sealed Cavity and Integrated Optical Element", ~~Attorney Docket No. 10030386-1~~; Ser. No. ~~UNKNOWN~~ 10/665,680, entitled "Optical Device Package With Turning Mirror and Alignment Post", ~~Attorney Docket No. 10030768-1~~; and Ser. No. ~~UNKNOWN~~ 10/665,662, entitled "Surface Emitting Laser Package Having Integrated Optical Element And Alignment Post", ~~Attorney Docket No. 10030807-1~~.

Please amend paragraph [0034] as follows.

[0034] Post 160 acts as an alignment feature that simplifies fabrication of an optical assembly including package 100. In one embodiment of the invention, post 160 is a hollow cylinder having an inner diameter larger than the beam profile expected for the received optical signal. Post 160 can thus be made of any suitably durable material such as a metal or silicon. Alternatively, post 160 can be a solid structure such as a cylinder or a sphere of an optically transparent material that provides a light path. Alignment posts for packages containing optical devices are further described in a co-filed U.S. Pat. App. Ser. No. ~~UNKNOWN~~ 10/666,319, entitled "Alignment Post for Optical Subassemblies Made With Cylindrical Rods, Tubes, Spheres, or Similar Features", ~~Attorney Docket No. 10030442-1~~.